



**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP [3700]**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application**

**Inventor(s): Steve Mitchell**

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**Title: ARTIFICIAL VERTEBRAL DISK  
REPLACEMENT IMPLANT WITH CROSSBAR  
SPACER AND METHOD**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**Art Unit: 3738**

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**REPLY B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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This REPLY B is in reply to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2005.

**Amendments**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: